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Harbinger of Spring or Winter resident? My designated parking space in the City Hall parking lot is one of the spaces above the Lackawanna River near the Sixth Avenue bridge. Just as I was about to get out of my truck, about 8:30 this morning, a Cooper's Hawk flew by and then landed on a limb of a willow tree that hangs over the river, just upstream from the bridge. I could hardly believe my eyes.

Not sure whether this bird has been here all winter or if he is a very early spring arrival. Given the resident flock of feral pigeons in the area, this bird, if a permanent resident, would have an abundant supply of "food" available all year

long. On the other hand, if this bird is a very early spring arrival, that same resident food supply here would surely make Carbondale an attractive option for "breakfast" on the bird's journey north.

Whatever the case, seeing this magnificent bird has made my day.

